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Honorable John McLucas
Undersecretary of the Air Force
Washington D.C.

Dear John,

The enclosed letter to Art Lundahl should be self-explanatory and I hope it is. Stopping there would make this letter entirely too short, so let me expand a bit.

As I said in the letter to Art Lundahl, all of us with a sense of history and propriety would deeply regret not having taken the action I am now initiating. Goddard's name and the people he got to work for him are closely tied in to the origins and developments of aerial reconnaissance. Doing what I suggest - bringing Goddard up to speed on the history of satellite reconnaissance and its successes, complete with the photos, should take not more than a day. It would be a day invested in decency and would help set history aright. Unless we operate with a sense of and respect for history we are nothing but mechanics. Because I reject this characterization, I hope you will look on this suggestion with favor and do what is necessary to see that George Goddard spends a day with Art Lundahl. The only caveat I would put on this operation is that I be permitted to accompany Goddard that day. I must see - and record - the look on his face when he sees the photos. George's address and phone number are given in the attached letter to Lundahl and I seem to remember that as a retired reserve officer, he can secure travel to Washington on military air. At least that can be arranged too.

Sincerely,

Amrom

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Maj Gen Lew Allen

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Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl
Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center
Washington D.C.

Dear Art,

That it has been far too long since we have talked and conspired together, is so painfully evident that it needs no further comment. I turn, therefore, to an entirely different matter.

I am writing to you because I know full well that you have a sense of both history and propriety, and you must, therefore, feel as I do that we are in a process of committing a historic blunder, one which (as I point out in the accompanying letter to John McLucas) there is still time to rectify. I claim that it would be an injustice and error of the first magnitude for George Goddard (now in his mid-80s) to leave us without having seen the historic evolution of satellite photography. It is true (but not right) that George Goddard has never seen a satellite reconnaissance photograph. Further, Art, it is my understanding that it is not impossible to bring someone like George in for a day, bless him on the way in and unbless him on the way out.

I would ask, therefore, that you initiate such action (or tell me what else I have to do to get such action initiated) and that if this is to be accomplished in the near future I may be permitted to accompany General Goddard for the day he spends with you. It is worth a lot to history to see the look on his face when you bring out the impossible dream. George's address is: Brigadier General George W. Goddard (USAF, Retired); Boca Mar Apt 5; 310 S. Ocean Blvd; Boca Raton, Florida 33432. His telephone number is (305) 391-6276.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to John McLucas. I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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